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SUBJECT: TURKISH REPLY TO SOVIET OPOSAL FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON
CYPRUS CRIS

1. TURK FONMIN PROVIDED US AT 2030 LOCAL TIME (AUGUST 27 THEIR
 TRANSLATION OF OFFICIAL REPLY TO SOVIET PROSAL FOR EXPANDED
 SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON CYPRUS. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS, BUT
 ESSENCE IS: (A) GREEKS BROKE ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENTS TO CREATE BALANCE
 BETWEEN CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES AND SO TURKEY HAD TO ACT; (B) NATO IN NO
 WAY INVOLVED IN GUARANTOR ARRANGEMENT; (C) GOT APPRECIATES USSR'S
 CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE SINCE BEGINNING OF CURRENT CRISIS, BUT HAS
 RESERVES ABOUT INVOLVING LARGE NUMBER OF STATES IN NEGOTIATIONS;
 (D) RECOMMENDS INSTEAD THAT THE GUARANTOR POWERS AND TWO CYPRIOT
 COMMUNITIES RETURN TO NEGOTIATING TABLE; (E) TURKEY REMAINS COMMITTED

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ION AND INTENDS "TO START TIMELY AND PHASED
 REDUCTION OF HER FORCES ON ISLAND AS SOON AS THE CONDITIONS

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STIPULATED" IN THE DECLARATION "BEGIN TO EMERGE".

ON FINAL POINT, GOT NOTES THAT REFERENCES TENOSIS AND GUERILLA
 WARFARE, AS WELL AS TORTURING OF PRISONERS ARE NOT HELPING TO
 FURTHERING NEGOTIATIONS.

2. FULL TEXT OF TURKISH REPLY FOLLOWS:

"THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE OF CYPRUS WAS BASED, BY INTER-
 NATIONAL AGREEMENTS, ON THE ACCEPTANCE AS AN HISTORIC AND SOCIAL
 REALITY, OF THE EXISTENCE AND PERPETUATION OF TWO DISTINCT
 COMMUNITIES ON THE ISLAND --THE TURKS AND THE GREEKS; AND THE IN-
 TENANCE OF A BALCE BETWEEN THE RIGHTS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES AS A
 BASIC FACTOR OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND ENTITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
 CYPRUS, WAS ENTRUSTED TO THREE GUARANTOR POWERS, TURKEY, GREECE AND
 THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN ISLAND --THREE

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COUNTRIES THAT HAVE HAD HISTORIC TIES OF VARYING DEGREES WITH CYPRUS.

"THE UPSETTING OF THE BALANCE REGARDING THE RIGHT OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES, THE FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND THE ILLEGAL AMASSMENT OF MILITARY FORCES FROM GREECE, RESULTED, DURING THE MAKARIOS ADMINISTRATION, IN ESTABLISHING A SITUATION WHEREBY GREECE COULD FREELY AND INCREASINGLY INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC AND ENDANGER ITS INDEPENDENCE, AS WELL AS CAUSING CONTINUOUS INTERNAL STRIFE, NOT ONLY AMONG THE TURKS AND THE GREEKS BUT EVEN WITHIN THE GREEK COMMUNITY ITSELF. IN THE MEANIME, ALL THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND GUARANTEES OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY WERE USURPED, THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY WERE SUPPRESSED POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY AND THEY HAD TO ENDURE CONTINUOUS DISCRIMINATION AS WELL AS PERIODIC MASSACRES.

"FINALLY THE MILITARY REGIME OF GREECE CARRIED ITS INTERFERENCE AND MILITARY PRESENCE TO THE POINT OF VIRTUALLY ENDING THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS AND TOOK COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE ADMINISTRATION, THROUGH A BLOODY COUP AND AN INTERNAL WAR. THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO ACHIEVE DE-FACTO "ENOSIS" --ANNEXATION OF CYPRUS TO GREECE.

"IT WAS AT THIS STAGE THAT THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY HAD TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND TO EXERT HER RIGHT AND DUTY AS A GUARANTOR STATE WITH THE SOLE OBJECTIVES OF RESTORING THE INDEPENDENCE OF

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THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, OF ESTABLISHING PEACE AND ORDER ON THE ISLAND AND OF PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY.

"THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ATTEMPTS ON THE PART OF NATO TO "LIQUIDATE THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AS AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE" AND "TO TURN THE TERRITORY OF CYPRUS INTO A NATO STRONGHOLD" AS ALLEGED IN THE STATEMENT OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. THE ILLEGAL ACTIONS OF GREECE MIGHT HAVE GIVEN SUCH RESULTS, BUT THEY WERE CHECKED AND PREVENTED BY THE MEASURES THAT TURKEY PROMPTLY TOOK AS A GUARANTOR STATE.

"THE PRESENT GREEK GOVERNMENT'S CRITICISM OF NATO FOR HAVING INTERVENED IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM MAY INDEED BE INTERPRETED AS AN INDICATION OF THAT COUNTRY'S DESIRE TO INVOLVE NATO IN CYPRUS. BUT, IN THE VIEW OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, NATO HAS HAD NO RIGHT TO BE INVOLVED IN CYPRUS IN ANY WAY, SINCE THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF NATO AND REMAINS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY THAT ALLIANCE. THE MEMBERSHIP OF TURKEY, GREECE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM IN NATO IS NOT CONNECTED WITH, AND SHOULD NOT INFLUENCE, THEIR STATUS AS GUARANTOR STATES FOR CYPRUS

"THE INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE OF CYPRUS SHOULD HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO DECIDE HER OWN FOREIGN POLICY, WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE BY ANY OF THE GUARANTOR STATES. TURKEY HAS ALWAYS ATTACHED GREAT VALUE TO THE EASING OF TENSION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND ACCEPTS THE VIEW THAT CYPRUS COULD BEST SERVE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THIS AREA BY FOLLOWING HER OWN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY LINE. IT WAS WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING THAT TURKEY

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HAS SHOWN FULL RESPECT TO THE POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT OF THE STATE OF CYPRUS. THE POSSIBILITY OF CYPRUS COMING WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM OF NATO COULD HAVE ARISEN IF THE WHOLE OR PART OF CYPRUS WERE TO BE ANNEXED TO A MEMBER COUNTRY OF THAT ALLIANCE, AND TURKEY INTENDS TO RESIST, AS IN THE PAST, SUCH AN ANNEXATION.

"ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR TURKEY'S OBJECTION TO GREECE'S "ENOSIS" IDEAL OR THE PROSPECTS OF THE PARTITION OF CYPRUS HAS BEEN HER SENSITIVITY ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS REGARDING HER EXTERNAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS HER INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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